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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT TALABANI'S TRAVEL TO THE U.S.

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Classified By: Political Minister-Counselor Gary A. Grappo for reasons
1.4 (d).

¶1. (C) THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST. Post requests possible dates for a POTUS meeting with President Talabani. Talabani expressed his desire to meet POTUS in Washington, D.C. directly following his trip to New York to deliver speeches in New York at UNGA, the Clinton Initiative and the Socialist International Conference.

Tentative Travel Dates for U.S. Visit

¶2. (C) Talabani provided the following itinerary:

Sept. 21: Leaves for New York
Sept. 23: Delivers speech at UNGA
Sept. 24: Delivers speech at the Clinton Initiative
Sept. 27: Delivers keynote speech at Socialist International Conference

According to his advisors, Talabani is available to meet President Obama any time after September 27. Otherwise, he will undergo knee surgery and recuperate somewhere in the United States for 2-3 weeks.

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